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REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 9, 2006, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1-38 are currently pending in the application, of which claims 1, 19, and 32 are independent. Claims 1-38 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. No new matter has been added and no new issues have been raised that would require further consideration and/or search. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested because they do not raise new issues or alternatively because they place the claims in better condition for appeal. Claims 1-38 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

Claims 1, 9-10, 12-13, 19, 25-27, 29, and 31-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,108,540 of Sonti et al. ("Sonti") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,620 of Lamb et al. ("Lamb"). The Office Action took the position that Sonti teaches all of the elements of independent claims 1, 19, and 32, except "a network entity with control information associated with at least one limitation regarding simultaneous registrations allowed for the subscriber or the user." The Office Action supplied Lamb to remedy the deficiencies of Sonti. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1, upon which claims 2-18 and 38 depend, is directed to a method including receiving a registration request for registration of a user relating to a subscriber in a